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Dear Examiner Short:

Enclosed is an Amendment filed in connection with the above-identified application. Please feel free to call if you have any questions related to this matter.

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APPLICANT: Tetsuo MASUBUCHI et al. CONF NO: 5407
SERIAL NO: 09/769,432 GROUP: 1712
FILED: January 26, 2001 EXAMINER: P. Short
FOR: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 26, 2002, the period for Response having been extended one (1) month to June 26, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 13 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention was made to solve the above-described problems associated with conventional techniques.--